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Dennis L. Lauper

The chance meeting of a traveling elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with a 26-year-old man in Switzerland a generation ago—this was the strange event that has brought to Dimond ward its now released bishop, Dennis L. Lauper, and

has connected his life story with that of Zelnora Evans, well known in Oakland stake activities.

The young missionary was Serge Baliff, later called to preside over the French-Swiss mission; and the man whom he chanced to meet was Dennis L. Lauper's father, who afterwards accepted the Gospel, moved to Utah and met and married a sweet Danish saint named Vissing, who became the mother of Dennis and his four fine brothers and two sisters. One of the daughters of Serge Baliff is Zelnora Evans .I guess this makes Dennis and Zelnora something like Gospel cousins, doesn't it?

Although Dennis was born on a farm in Boxelder county, April 2, 1915, he really grew up on a sugar beet and alfalfa farm at Delta, Utah, and got a year's high school work there before the family moved to Oxnard, California in 1929, where Dennis completed high school. He later attended the junior college at Ventura before moving with the family to Oakland after the death of his father in 1936.

Since coming to the bay area Dennis has followed salesmanship. but he was just one year in Oakland when he was called to go back to the old home mission, and in Switzerland found many old friends who still remembered his father. Not long after returning from the mission field he took Helen Froerer of Ogden through the temple in marriage, a sweetheart whom he had met at a Green and Gold ball in Ventura, when she was visiting there from her home in Ogden, before his going on his mission.

Bishop Lauper hopes to have a little more time now to devote to the insurance business which he carries on in connection with our good brother, Harold R. Jenson, a well established broker in San Francisco.

The wonderful mother has seen all five of her sons and one of her two daughters go on full-time missions of the Church. Serge Lauper we all know as a former bishop of Dimond ward, and Marcel is also well known for his ward and stake, as later, his war records.

Oakland Stake's Conference Soon

Oakland stake's conference will be held in the Oakland ward chapel Saturday evening and Sunday, June 26 and 27, according to an announcement today by Stake President Eugene Hilton.

A welfare meeting is being planned for 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and the regular priesthood leadership meeting from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Sunday general sessions will meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A stake missionary meeting has been set for 1:00 p.m.

✣ Gold has been mined in almost every county in California.

Key Convention Thoughts Briefed

At the joint stake Genealogical convention held in the Berkeley chapel, May 16, 1948, were heard:

"You people here sitting, 'Ye are the children of the prophets; and ye are of the house of Israel; and ye are of the covenant which the Father made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham: And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed."—Archibold F. Bennett of SLC., quoting III N. 20, 25.

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"The keystone of the Gospel arch stands in the D. & C., section two: 'Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood by the hand of Elijah before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.

'If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted as his coming.'" —Archibold F. Bennett, secretary, Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City.

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President Brigham Young once declared: "We have a work to do just as important in its sphere as the Saviour's was in his sphere. Our fathers cannot be made perfect without us; we cannot be made perfect without them. They have done their work and now sleep. We are called upon to do ours, which is the greatest work ever performed on the earth. Millions of our fellow creatures who have lived upon the earth and died without a knowledge of the Gospel must be officiated for in order that they may inherit eternal life (that is, all that would have received the Gospel). And we are called upon to enter into this work."

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"Today in America and in many of the European nations, our Church is having old records microfilmed at the rate of 120,000 pages daily. We shall soon have one of the world's greatest libraries of its kind, where our people may have the records of their kindred dead from over the sea

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More Employment For All By All

Is there anyone who wouldn't listen for opportunities for bettering oneself in his daily vocation, business, or calling? Could one's conception of "employment placement" be enlarged to take in all that is implied in the foregoing question? If it can, then, that's about what is envisioned in the Church's new "Employment Placement Activities" thru the quorums and the Relief Society.

At least that's the idea that I came away with from the meeting on the stake welfare placement counselors and leaders May 24, 1948, in the Berkeley chapel with Donald Davis of the General Welfare Board in charge of the enlarged conception of employmen placement work for the Church. It's fraternalism in action, brotherly interest each for all and all for each, whether one be in the higher brackets in income or the lower, or just plain out of a job at the time. Every one's daily work for income can be improved, no matter what it is, profession or trade or unskilled work or managing a business of one's own.

Of course we first think of the fellow member who is out of employment or whose business or profession is flying the distress signal, or whose age has left him on the employment shore high and dry. And it is right that these cases have priority in every way; but in the course of finding improvement for such fellow members the alert quorum may turn up opportunities, unusable by the unemployed, let us say, but of great benefit to some other employed person, opening new vistas for his growth and prosperity and security.

Such has been the result already where the Church plan of fraternal employment placement activities have been carried forward with brotherly zeal and interest in finding opportunities for quorum members looking for a new connection. Men even in high income positions have been pointed to still better opportunities.

Names and cases of this kind

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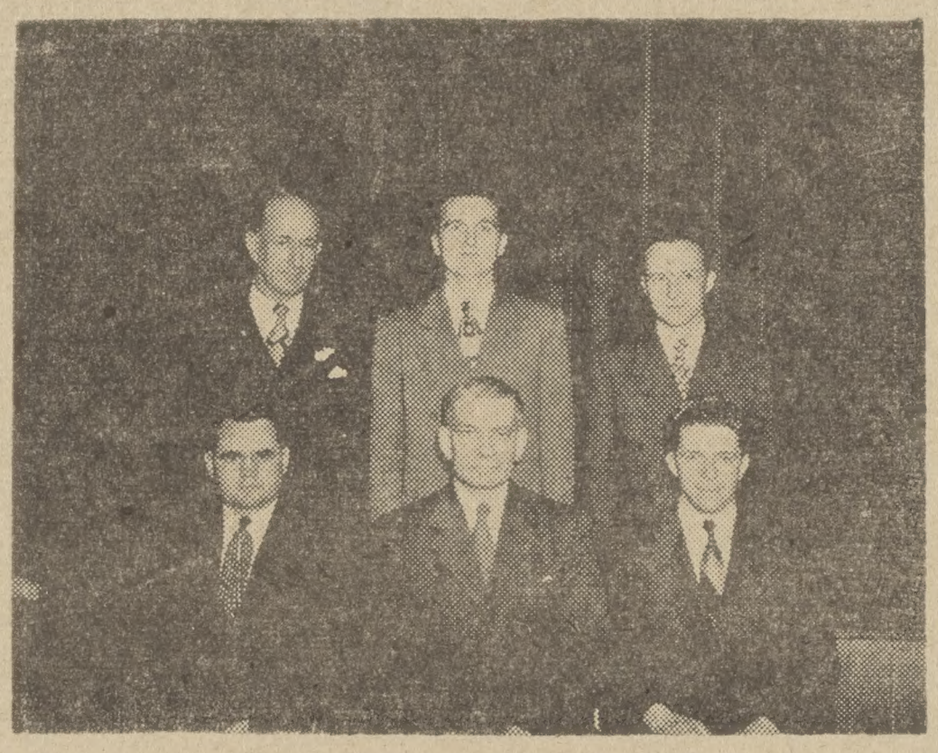
DIMOND WARD'S NEW BISHOPRIC



Shown above are the members of the new bishopric for Dimond ward, Oakland stake, sustained Sunday, May 2, 1948. Left to right, front row: Elmo R. Smith, bishop; Glenn C. Rounds, Wendell T. Jackson; second row: Herbert A. Weiland, Phyl N. Hilton and Frank T. Eggersten.

Highly spiritual by nature and by training through service these brethern also are rather unusual in the uniformity of their professional training for their respective life's work.

Bishop Smith is Idaho born, a graduate of Ricks College at Rexburg and the U. of U. (with high honors) and finally from the U. C. law school with the degree of L.L.B. in 1943. Since that time he has practiced law and is now a member of the LDS—composed Oakland firm of Brown, Smith & Ferguson. He has also served as a member of the Board of Editors of the California Law Review, and is the author of numerous articles published therein. Besides holding membership in the local, state and national bar associations, Brother Smith carries the Phi Kappa Phi pin, and is a member of Athletic and the Liahona clubs.

Bishop Smith has been counselor to Bishop Lauper since 1943; filled a mission to No. Central States, 1935-37; is married to June Weindorf, who has mothered for him three daughters.

Glenn C. Rounds, also Idaho born, has lived in California since 1931, serving in various auxiliaries from the beginning, and as coun-

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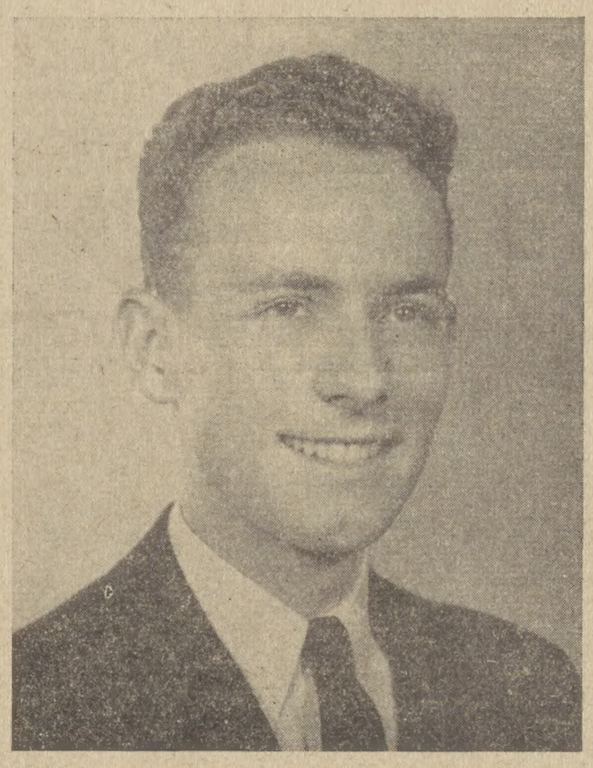

Palestine War Threatened Elder James McFarlane

A year ago a staff sergeant in the U. S. army stationed at a camp in Washington state; now a LDS missionary landing at Haifa, Palestine, just the day after that famous old city had been beaten into subjection and occupied by the Haganah army of the newest world state, "Israel," that is the adventurous experience of James McFarlane, son of Horace J. McFarlane of Elmhurst, former bishop of that ward and now stake high councilor.

Leaving Castlemont high school as a graduate, Jim immediately enlisted in the U. S. army in 1945, and spent three years in the Pacific action area, only to accept a call immediately upon discharge to the Palestine-Syrian mission located in the world's most explosive section, Palestine and the Arab world.

In a simple but thrilling letter to Bishop Glen C. Shaw of Elmhurst, Elder McFarlane writes from the mission headquarters at Beirut, Lebanon, announcing "as you see I reached my destination safely and am busily engaged in trying to learn the language which is certainly different from anything I have ever seen or heard before."

He explains that the trip across the ocean from New York to Haifa, through the Mediterranian was made upon the Russian ship, "Soviet M. V. Rossia," manned by a crew only three of whom could speak a word of English, a fact that called for a great deal of pantomine to make the elders' wants known. "We landed in Haifa a matter of hours after the heavy fighting had ceased in the city—the devestation was terrible; a large part of the city utterly destryoed, and the suffering of the people as a result is very great.

"We were forced to stay in Hai-

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The Church News Gives Fresh News

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● "Youth of today, what is it you seek in life? Is it happiness? But there is no happiness in froth, nor in the glittering primrose path. The only happiness is in stability, good character, faith with achievement through work." Church News editorial, May 16, 1948.

● "More than 500 persons have made advance registration for the eight weeks course in MIA leadership classes at BYU's summer session, June 21, to July 2. Included is instruction in dancing, music, speech and drama. Also special courses in Bee Hive, Junior and Gleaner Girl leadership."

● Over $300,000 of the $500,000 for the planned Relief Society building in Salt Lake City had been received up to May 15, 1948.

● Ground was broken for the new science building at BYU—"All in a Teacher's Day, Essays of a Mormon Professor" by Parley A. Christensen, contains a collection by an English professor at BYU of the papers he has read before learned societies, or which have appeared in magazines mirroring the refinement of LDS culture. Written in a delectable style, with subtle humor.

● The first mission-wide conference ever held in the Southern States assembled recently to bid farewell to Pres. Heber Meeks. Two hundred six missionaries bore testimonies in two five-hour sessions.

● Two years ago there were but 22 branches in the British Mission; there are now 65. Pasadena stake recently dedicated "Cumorah Crest" a camp for its young people high in the San Gabriel mountains. "Forty-five minutes from orange groves to snow." The fireplace in the lodge is capped with a log from the sacred grove in New York state. state.

● The bishopric of the Menon ward of Rigby stake boasts 28 children, averaging seven to the family, and a total of 36 persons.

● "Marriage is an ordinance of the Gospel, and as much a saving ordinance as baptism. We can no more reach the highest place in the celestial kingdom without it than we can received admittance into the Church without baptism." Church News editorial, May 23, 1948.

● It is frequently estimated that there are 80,000 LDS in southern California. There are probably not more than half that number on the stake and ward records, but growth is great.

● Over 300 wards and 11 missions of the Church have secured projection machines, and have probably 30,000 movie goers at their shows. The Church has a film council now at work reviewing films to recommend and supply these wards. Listings of films on hand at Deseret Book company have been furnished bishops concerned, and will be kept up to date.

● Fifty-two baptisms since

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Still With Thee

By
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovlier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.

Alone with thee amid the Mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil to slumber,
Its closing eyes look up to thee in prayer;
Sweet the repose, beneath thy wings o'er shadowing,
But sweeter still, to wake and find thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;
O that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought—I am with thee.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Dimond Ward

Lee Ashby is recuperating from a major operation and we sincerely wish her a speedy, complete recovery.

Congratulations are in order for Lloyd and Marge Brooks on the arrival of a new daughter.

We want to congratulate Dan Fernsten and welcome his bride Sarah Easler Fernsten. They were married April 21 in the Salt Lake Temple.

We wish to express our sympathy to Herb Van Noy on the recent death of his oldest brother in Oregon.

The Seventies' quorum is having a special meeting for husbands and wives the third Saturday, June 19, at 8:00 p.m.

The men of the ward have responded nobly to the call to help at the welfare farm. These men deserve our sincere thanks. Let us remember that help is still needed there and at the cannery.

There has been a general reorganization in the ward this past month. Bishop Dennis Lauper has been released with a ote of thanks for his faithful service and Brother Elmo Smith, a counselor, is the new bishop. Brother Rounds is first counselor and Wendell T. Jackson is the new second counselor. We wish the new bishopric success and joy in their work.

Brother Jackson has been released as the Sunday school superintendent and Leon Baer is the ne wsuperintendent with Bob Smith and Dan Fernsten as counselors. Sister Price has been released as Primary president and Kathryn Kollenbaum sustained in her place, with Ann Powell and Lottie Smith as her counselors. We want to thank all the outgoing officers for their fine loyal service and wish the new officers success and offer our support.

Former Bishop Dennis L. Lauper has served in the bishopric for eight years. He has been faithful and we are proud of the fine work he has done. He is an insurance salesman and we wish him and his family success in the future. (See his picture and more details of his life on front page. Ed.) —Joyce Hilton.

San Leandro Ward

San Leanrdo ward has had another pleasant month to report—another month of progress.

We are especially happy to announce that our third missionary in the person of Sister Verla Sandstrom, is preparing to leave for the Norweigan Mission the early part of June. A missionary testimonial will be held in her honor Frida yevening, June 4, 8:00 p.m., at the Elmhurst chapel.

During the month of May our sacrament meetings proved worthwhile and inspirational. We are especially pleased with the growing attendance and urge all our members to enjoy with us and benefit from the programs so capably planned by the bishopric.

San Leandro ward Relief Society ended the season's activities with a most enjoyable closing party May 26, at the home of president Rose Snyder. The ladies of the Relief Society are to be commended for their accomplishments of this year.

Another outstanding event held during the month of May was the Primary conference, held May 2. Our church-goers were pleasantly surprised by the program presented. Surely the training and development given our Latter-day Saint children will lead them to the "pot of gold" at the end of their rainbow.

Claude Lee and his bride, the former Merlin Sims, are spending the week of May 23 with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenneth Sims in San Leandro. May we offer congratulations and best of wishes to you both.

Sister Katherine Marsh left Oakland during the past week for Puerto Rico to visit her sister after a separation of more than ten years. We are sure Katherine's trip will be most enjoyable as she is having the opportunity, as well, of visiting with many friends along the way.

Another ward welfare garden has been planted. Nature has been kind with the recent rains, and the tomatoes, corn and beans are promising indeed.

We appreciate the assistance of all who help to keep the ward running smoothly. In a small group such as ours, enthusiasm and cooperation are essential. The bishopric feel we have an abundance of both.
—Verna Jackson.

E. Richmond Ward

Charles F. Myler, Jr., won the certificate of award of the Aaronic priesthood. He fulfilled all requirements 100 per cent. Congratulations Charles, keep up the good work.

Boy Scout Troop 131 participated in the Contra Costa Council camporee, where they won two standard patrol ribbons and one blue proficiency badge; they also subscribed 100 per cent to "Boys Life."

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THE KNOWELTONS

Bishop Bryant S. Knowelton is a native of Grantsville, Utah, and attended the University of Utah for three years until 1934 when he was called on a mission to the North Central States. After his mission he returned to the university to get his teachers degree, after which he taugh school.

His wife, Dorothy Humm Knowlton, is a native of Provo, Utah, and received her education there, graduating from the BYU in 1937. She too, is a former North Central States missionary. Though she and Bryant were in the mission field at the same time, they did not meet until their first missionary reunion in Salt Lake City after their missions had been completed.

After being married in the Salt Lake Temple in June, 1939, thy came to California so that Bryant could do graduate work at the University of California. Living first in Claremont ward where Bryant at various times taught in the Sunday school, was a counselor in the MIA presidency, was Sunday school superintendent and chairman of the finance committee, Dorothy taught classes in Mutual, Sunday school and Relief Society.

In 1944 they bought a home in El Cerrito and became active in the East Richmond ward, where Bryant was superintendent of Sunday school, then first counselor in the bishopric and at present is bishop.

Dorothy was secretary of the Stake Primary board for two years, resigning to care for her family when their fourth child was born. Bryant is now teaching in the high school at Crockett.
—Ethel Dietliker.

You want an alert, spicy, chatty, yet inspiring Church paper, don't you?

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Mark the date, May 16, 1948! That's when the Church News, always great Church weekly newspaper, finally came out with its long-awaited enlarged and reorganized 20-page format. EVERYTHING'S THERE, AND IN THE GRAND STYLE; TWO COLOR FULL PAGE PHOTOGRAPH ON COVER, and snappily written departmentalized sections, full of eye-catching photos for the full twenty pages.

"Now we are big enough to do justice to the news and accomplishments of this million-member Church of ours," says Henry A. Smith, the editor, in his first new section entitled: "Church Talk from the Editor's Desk." Therein also he points out the two new sections and asks general participation by the readers: one is the "Photo Album" section of old historic photos from family albums. Shown in this issue is a photo showing the unveiling of the Brigham Young monument, SLC., July 24, 1897.

The other section is: "I Want to Know," where appears authoritive answers to readers questions as these questions arise in Church classes or in private reading and thinking. Wish we had space to sample this column for you, but . . .

One of the best new features is a section of cartooned items of key historic episodes in Church history. It is headed: "DO YOU KNOW?" The cartoons are as well done as similar ones in your daily newspaper, and make the reading of the challenging history queries intriguing, to say the least. Again, we haven't space to give a sampling ,but we guess you will surely get a mental lift from them and so will all the family. Of tempting interest also are the columns "From pages of the Church News, 5, 10, 15 years ago," and "This Week in Church History," spiking items of intriguing interest that occured in, say, the week of May 16 to 23," back thru the years.

The masterful editorials are ever a feast of reasoned comment. Then there's the week's GEM OF THOUGHT illustrated with the photo of the personality speaking; and "World Press Comments" quoting world press comments on some phases of our Church work here and yon. Follows several pages of the week's up-to-date "News of the Church," and other pages one each to "Melchizedek Priesthood," "The Presiding Bishop's Page," and "Church Auxiliaries."

About pages ten and eleven expect a double, two-color feature on some outstanding activity in welfare work, or an outing of the Lesser Priesthood and fully illustrated material of general interest. This is followed by a page of "People in the Church News," with well written character and story and photo write-up on interesting people who are doing the unusual but important things anywhere in the Church. (Wish there was room for a sampling here).

"Introducing our Stake Presidents," is a page long overdue but now an actuality. It alone is worth a lot. "Church Music," "Temple Square," keep you posted on doings in these fields, as is true also of "Church Schools," and "New Church Books," "Missions," and several pages of "Stake News."

Does all this not sound like we have at last a weekly that will give us the Church News while it is yet news? Will you get behind it now with your subscriptions? We guess the support will be liberal and ample from old and young. Send subscriptions to "The Messenger," thru your ward book dealer, or direct to the Church News, Salt Lake City, Utah; $3 the year of 52 issues.

The cream of all the paper's features we have left for the last: namely, the full weekly Church broadcast from KSL, currently by Pres. J. Reuben Clark.

Key Convention

at their disposal, safe in bomb-proof vaults in Utah. The way is being opened to this microfilming, where before permission to copy records had been denied. It is going forward, not in just one or two countries at a time, but in them all at once while there is yet time. And in SLC, we are training a corp of workers who can read these records in each language, in old script, and even in the dead languages as Latin. Besides this we have over 37,000 volumes in the library. Now is a great day for research."—Archibold F. Bennett.

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In 1926 we were doing temple endowments for the dead at the rate of 300,000 per year. In 1934 and again in 1940 the Church reached high peaks of over 600,000 annually. During the war the numbers fell below the 1926 figure, and only last year did it slightly exceed it. It is rising. We need more names; especially more male names."—A. F. Bennett.

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"What should each family do? What should the ward committees help each family do? Three things: (1) Make a family group sheet; (2) complete as far as possible a pedigree sheet for the family; (3) finally, have each person in the family complete a personal record sheet. These are three sheets that every family should secure and fill out as a start in their research. The rest will follow thereafter."—A. F. Bennett.

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Displaying a large family chart in size about 4x7-feet, and bearing thereon a sketch of a huge spreading tree on whose branches were hundreds of names of members of the family of one James Harmon from the year 1600 A. D. to the present, Pres. W. Glenn Harmon said about 3600 names of this family were of record and had their temple work done for them.

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"Genealogy is a field of thought new to the world as far as work for the dead is concerned. Needed by the LDS is not a mere mental acceptance of the doctrine. My own line has been run back about 25 generations to the tenth century A. A. We must put first things first and do the work for our dead, and not stop with mere good intentions," declared Pres. Eugene Hilton.

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"In the past 70 years 12,500,000 endowments have been done in the temples of the Saints. Orson Pratt once figured that on an average there had been about one billion people on the earth in each century, which wiuld bring the figures for 60 centuries, (6,000 years) of earth history to about 60 billion souls. One percent of this would be 600,000,000. We must remember that Brigham Young said there would yet be thousands of temples, for all this work of redemption must be done by the seed of Abraham." A. F. Bennett.

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Conducted Tour Along Solano Avenue In Berkeley and Albany

How'd you like another trip along Solano avenue, Berkeley, calling on the LDS businesses on that thriving thoroughfare? While some things have changed since our last trip there about a year ago, our friends are still there.

Remember Arland Olsen and his efficient wife who run a very attractive paint store at 1178 Solano? Well, she still smiles at the customers as she fills their orders, while Arland is on the various paint jobs and incidently serving as clerk for Richmond ward. Is it paint, wall paper, framed pictures or accessories for painters?

When we come to 1484 Solano the "do-nut" odor catches the nostrils even as soon as the eye catches the name, The Spudnut Shop, owned by Dave Moss of Berkeley ward. That "spudnut" variation of the old familiar donut has a call all its own, we must admit, as we emerge, chewing "the cud." Now look directly across the street at 1485. You can't miss that arresting name on the window, "Jack Frost Realty."

Inside the office it's not so chilly, tho. The genial smile our only realty saleslady in Berkeley ward, LoRee Tolman, warms quite an area. And does she have the know-how° We hear that results speak favorably.

From the Spudnut shop, it's only a block until we turn in at the "Blangene" bakery of Gene and Blanche Jacobs, both longtime members of Dimond ward, and he a former bishop of Oakland ward and currently a member of the H. C. Their fine bakery with cases of the temptingest looking pies, cakes, cookies and bread are at 1558A Solano, where they are soon to make a home on the premises, and to be (we hope) members of the local congregation where their son, Gene, and family function so well.

Don't walk too fast now; right there on the corner near to the Blangene bakery you will see the realty signs of one of the newer businesses on the avenue, that of Frank Parsons, whose home and business are together on the good old corner of Ordway and Solano where Frank and Sue have lived these many years, seeing the avenue turn from exclusive residence property to thriving business frontage. Frank's hearty handclasp and broad smile is pay enough for a stop and a word of greeting.

Coming up near the Oaks theatre, we turn in at the great frontage of the Oaks Hardware store of brother Herb Van Noy, a really metropolitan store, fully stocked and expertly managed, serving the tradesman and householder with the finest in these lines. You may not know it but this is the third of Herb's hardware stores, the main one being at 5601 College, Oakland, and a good branch at 1919 Webster street, Alameda.

Just a few stores from the Oaks Hardware we come to the office of R. H. Witherspoon, realtor, and going inside are heartily greeted by that mountain of a man, LeRoi B. Gardner, realty dealer with one of the oldest and most respected realtors in the neighborhood.

And across from the Oaks theatre is the Oaks Variety store, of Roxy and Earl Peterson of the Berkeley ward. Excelling everything in its line on the avenue, the Oaks Variety has now added LDS garments for men and women. Courteous and efficient treatment is thus assured this line by those who hold the garments in the proper reverence. Whatever you want, a trip to the Oaks Variety generally finds you satisfied and your arms rather full.

Thus ends the tour. Remember, we started at 1178 Solano, the Olsen's Paint store, about three blocks east of San Pablo avenue, and here we end at the Oaks Variety about one block from The Alameda where you find the bus for Oakland or the train for San Francisco, ready to take you hither and yon. The tour has been nearly two miles long. We have also passed the fine physician's office of Dr. Douglas Ream where genial Nellie Hughes helps the doctor rout the many callers day by day. In all there are eight of our colony busy in their offices and stores on Solano avenue, serving both Berkeley and Albany.

The great Curt Campbell Ford Sales and Service business stretches along San Pablo, west side, about a block north of Solano avenue. Curt and Mark Bingham, service manager, both former Ogdenites, are as genial and helpful to our colony's automotive needs as we could wish.

Berkeley Ward

Bishopric's message to the members of Berkeley ward:

"We desire to take advantage of this column to thank you for your generous response during the past years to the ward needs, and to solicit your continued support for the program at the present time.

"Through your past efforts our ward chapel has been built, beautifully furnished and maintained in a manner that is creditable to you and to the Church. During recent years your generous financial support has made it possible for us to sponsor a program second to none in the Church and which has endeared Berkeley ward in the hearts of hundreds of service men and women.

"Through your response to the call for maintenance funds, we have always been able to pay our bills promptly and to finance the social program of our auxiliary organizations. This has lightened the burdens of a busy bishopric, and for this we are eternally grateful.

"On the first Sunday of last December, we were visited by our stake presidency who then explained their plan for the stake unified building program which, over a five year period, will accomplish the following: build a stake welfare and canning center; provide a stake tabernacle; and construct chapels for all existing wards of the stake. We voted that day to support their plan.

"Berkeley ward will receive much direct benefit from this program despite the fact that we already have our chapel. These benefits include the discharge of an obligation to assist Claremont to pay for their chapel; the raising of the Berkeley share of money for the stake welfare and canning center; and providing for the balance of Berkeley's share for the stake tabernacle.

"We now are on our way in this program. Pledge cards have been mailed out to you. These cards carry suggested allotments of money and labor and amounts of each have been based upon the amounts needed to furnish Berkeley's share.

"Although at first glance one might feel that the amounts asked for are large, still one must consider that the benefits to be derived by the members of the stake and wards are large and valuable and, we believe, well worth the effort.

"Will you therefore consider this matter very carefully before you complete and return the card? If adjustments are considered necessary, we suggest that you take the matter up with Brothers Scott Dunham and LeRoi Gardner of the finance committee, or with a member of the bishopric.

"Work on the welfare center has already begun. A large dormitory has been purchased and is being wrecked in order to provide some of the needed material.

"We are grateful for your response to date on labor on these two projects and we invite the brethren, both old and old, to join us in this important work program.

"Sincerely, your brethren and co-workers,
The Berkeley Ward Bishopric."

Primary Pageant A Great Show

Will anyone ever forget the joy and thrill of witnessing the wondrous sight of the pageant presented by the Berkeley stake Primary board Saturday, May 29, honoring the Primary graduates?

Besides the profound gratitude we all feel for our pioneer heritage and LDS membership, this pageant gave us added pride for being closely associated with that part of Mormon pioneer history connected with upper California. The entire script was written by Lavon Eyring, of the stake board, and directed by her; also the painting of the scenery was under her direction—much of it being done by her.

The Primary graduating boys and girls were the participants in the pageant, and were assisted in the choral numbers by all Homebuilder girls and Trailbuilder boys in the stake. It was truly a fine way to honor our graduates, who numer 41 this year and are as follows:

East Richmond ward: Gay Quinn, Margaret Fletcher, Lavon Carman, Darrell Wilson, Arnold Boe and Raymond Lane. Brentwood: Nancy Curtis and Nellie Epling. Napa: Clifford Olive, Ronald C. Canepa, Margaurite Davis, Shirley Stubbs, David Whaley, Mollie Price, Joan Young and Betty Lou Price.

Fairfield: Gary Blaisdell and Richard Owen. Claremont: Janell Carr and Patricia Hawes. Walnut Creek: John Williams, Dennis Craig and Carl Peterson. Richmond: Nadine Hopkins and Barbara Kersey. Vallejo: Thelma Mae Hamlin, Joyce Ellis, Beulah Mathews, Marion Hart, Sylvia Lynne Olsen, Sandra Stonehocker, Edwin Lewis, Tom Sowards and Waldo Hardison. Berkeley: Dolores Chase, Kay Burta Franz, Cordell Anderson, Tommy Green, David Larsen, Frank Meredith and David Ream.

Also, special recognition and honor was given to the Primary children and teachers who have had perfect attendance during the year. They are as follows: Berkeley ward: Lois Hadley, teacher, Charles Rose, Dick Johnson and Vilate Gardner. Vallejo ward, Thelma Mae Hamlin, Gerald Sorenson and Jerry Hunter.

Business News

● Friends of O. Leslie Stone of Berkeley ward and formerly of the Oakland stake high council, for many years an executive with the Safeway stores organization, will be pleased to learn of the far-flung nature of his present business, the Kragg-Stone Wholesale and General Merchandisers with headquarters in Oakland. From the general offices and a wholesale store in Oakland, this flourishing million dollar organization maintains branch wholesale stores in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Salt Lake City, besides salesrooms in numerous other centers.

● Perhaps the news is pretty well circulated by this time, but for the benefit of the rest of us we can report that Delbert H. Rock of Berkeley ward and formerly of the Oakland stake high council ,and currently the owner of a thriving wholesale drug business in S. F., and also of the "busiest corner in Berkeley," The Low Cost Drug store at University and Shattuck, has recently accepted a ten-year operating contract covering all the Andrew Williams stores in the east bay, including the "whopper" at MacArthur and College Ave.

Claremont Ward

Marjorie Wood has just returned home from the Northern States mission. It is nice to see you looking so well and wearing such a lovely smile, Marjorie. We are hapy to have you with us again and we're looking forward to hearing you relate some of your interesting experiences. Welcome back to Claremont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gleason are spending a few weeks in the Hawaiian Islands visiting their daughter and her family. They were married for eternity in the temple while in Honolulu and report having had a most inspiring experience while there.

We wish to extend our thanks to the men in Claremont ward for the fine work they have done on our lot on Stuart street. The lot has been planted with corn tomatoes and other vegetables to be used in our welfare work later in the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cardwell are entertaining members of the MIA special interest group at a chicken dinner June 22. All members of the ward within the age group are invited to attend. If you attended the corn beef and cabbage dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Gleason a few weeks ago, or the social given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burdett Tuesday, May 25, then you know your time will be well spent to join with these folks for another evening.

Dave Wood has added another winning event to his long list of accomplishments having placed second in the swimming contest held in Palo Alto during the month of May.

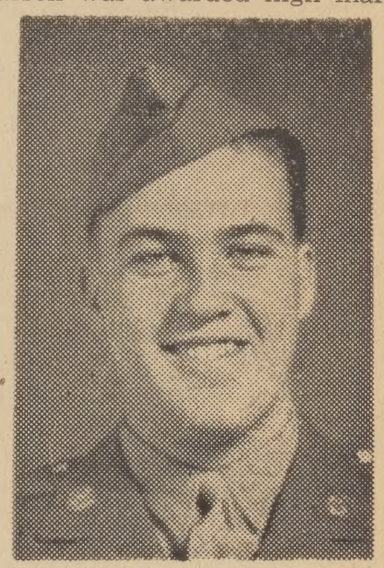
—Grace Millward.

✣ An oyster shell a foot long is part of the exhibit in the shell library at Stanford university.

Gill Larsen

We are proud to present Gill Larsen, 17-year-old son of Sister Beatrice Larsen, and the late Leslie F. Larsen of Maxwell Park ward.

This month ROTC Cadet Sgt. Larsen was awarded high mark-



manship medal, given each year by American Legion Post 471 of East Oakland.

Gill is a student in low 11 at Fremont high school.

His Church activities include president of the teachers' quorum and chorister of the YMMIA. Music runs in the family, his mother's family, the Summerhays, being so strongly and widely talented, and hence also, so well-known and appreciated. Beatrice Larsen's work as chorister has been truly outstanding.

Gill is starting along the well-blazed music trail. But also like the Larsen and Summerhays lines, he is showing a genius for practical, mundane achievements, as witness his markmanship medal as ROTC cadet sergeant.

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Alameda Ward

Rhea Gusdavidson is walking around but still in a brace.

The doctor forbids Bishop Thys Winkel to work and ordered him to bed. We are glad to report he is improved. Seems it will take more than one doctor to put him to bed.

Rollin Jensen is in the headlines again. He was chosen by competative selection by the junior auxiliary of the Pacific Music club of San Francisco to represent them at the convention in Bakersfield, May 15 for the Federation of Music clubs of California. His mother, Mrs. W. M. Jensen accompanied him. He rendered four numbers. We congratulate Rollin.

Little Jacaline came to the Reed Judd family April 18.

The Robert Knowles' baby girl, born April 3, was blessed by her great grandfather, Frank Knowles, who came from Nevada for the special occasion.

Dr. Chas. Eliason's family are very happy with their new boy born May 1.

Frantz and Rose Winkel are rejoicing over the birth of Rebecca Ann, May 24.

Brother Leo H. and Mrs. Crandell spent the past two weeks in old Mexico. The Misses Patsy and Dorothy Lane spent the week end in Los Angeles.

At Sister Uldene Thompson's home the last lesson of a very successful Relief Society year was given by Amelia Everett. Then a program, social hour and refreshments were enjoyed. Work meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each summer month. Thursday has been chosen as ladies' work day at the chapel.

Builder Rufus O.Phelps says the work is progressing satisfactorily. The basement cement was poured last month; the foundation is in and the first floor has been laid. Watch the building go up—or should we say HELP THE BUILDING GO UP.

Our fireside group are the nicest young people any one can find. They requested the bishop on Mother's day, the privilege of giving a program honoring motherhood. The morning program was outstanding. The Sunday school honored the oldest ward member, Sister Vilate O. Pearce, with special features by her daughter, Mildred Morgan, her daughter, Lucille M. Schow, and her son, Larry Schow, four generations.

Our Alameda girls are well represented in the stake Gleaner organization. Gayleen Claysen, vice president; Verla Smith, secretary, and Ruth Wilson, historian.

Ralph Lane has chosen the following building committee, Val Winkel, Drex Smith, MarRee Meuter, Galeen Clayson, Robert DeCelle, Chas. Stamps and Irma Lane, as secretary. Ralph's enthusiasm is contagious, His nephew spent a few days at the Lanes, yes, with Ralph working on the chapel.

Bishop Winkel requests us to write to our three missionaries. Sterling Yaeman, in Argentina; Gertrude Herman in New England and Paul Thompson in North Eastern States mission. Phone for exact addresses.

Dan and Sarah Fernstein, returned missionaries and newlyweds of Dimond ward spoke entertainingly Sunday, May 30.

—Mildred P. Morgan.

Oakland Ward

GUESS WHO?

Born in Murray, Utah, one of triplets, two girls and a boy. At the age of two years they were on exhibition in the State fair at Utah, and again at the age of seven. He attended Murray high school and finished at the LDS university, studying accountancy.

Went to Japan in 1922 and he and his companion were the first two missionaries that ever travelled in that land without purse or script. Naturally, they have many interesting experiences to relate. When he and his companion returned to the San Francisco bay area and took a sight-seeing bus trip around Oakland and the east bay, it was then he made hopeful plans of returning to Oakland to make his home some day.

He was married in the Salt Lake temple on June 15, 1927 and moved to Long Beach, California in 1931, remaining there six years. He was assistant to the stake Sunday school superintendent.

Moved to Oakland in August, 1936; was Sunday school superintendent for two years and in 1938 went into the Bishopric as second counselor for two years and as first counselor for three years.

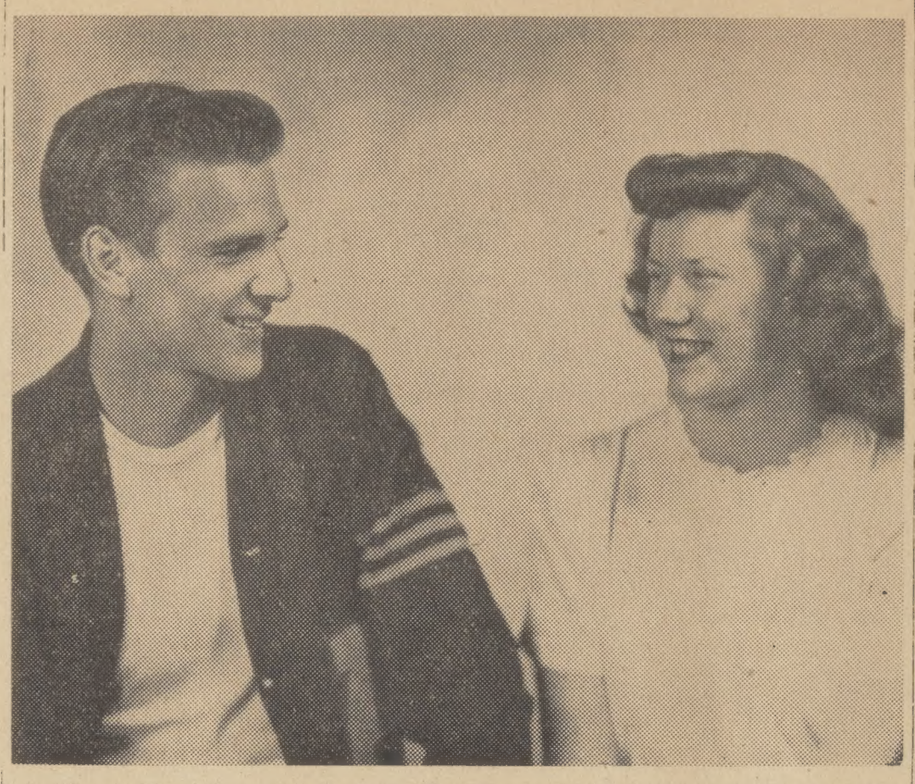
Became president of the high priest quorum in 1945 and bishop in November, 1946. He has his own real estate and insurance business and is vice president of the Colonial Mortuary. He is the proud father of three children, one girl and two boys, the oldest boy is serving his mission in the New England field.

ANSWER: Our bishop, Vinal G. Mauss. Bishop Mauss would like everyone to know how happy he is living here and serving as bishop of our ward and for his wonderful friends.

Robert Brown, son of Mrs. Joe Thorson, was married May 6 to Bernice Paulson at Oakland chapel by Bishop Mauss. Among those in attendance were aunts of the groom, Mrs. L. L. Dibble of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Rulon Cushing of Garfield, Utah. The couple will make their home in Oakland.

Sister Mary H. Jones, born in 1861, celebrated her 87th birthday May 18. There was a family gathering for her birthday and we all wish her happiness and good health.—Bernadine Adams.

Joan Knowles and Don L. Robison



Joan Knowles and Don L. Robinson of Martinez were recently named girl and boy of the month at Alhambra Union High School at Martinez. Both Joan and Don are leaders in the Martinez ward as well as in their high school. Both are musicians, both good students, and both are considered civic minded leaders.

Joan holds a student body office, and has plans for enrolling in one of our state colleges next year. Don has been named the outstanding boy in the senior class and as such will speak on the graduation program. As for next year, Don says that he will attend either U. C. or Stanford.

In the ward Don is Sunday School chorister while Joan is assistant ward organist. No need to say that we are proud of the creditable record of these two representative young members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Honorably they bear an honored name.

Rock Kirkham's Great Message

"Making a game of boy-building," was one of the themes of the May 7 meeting in the Dimond ward chapel for representatives of ward bishoprics and MIA superintendents in the Oakland stake. Rock Kirkham, national director of LDS service for Boy Scouts of America, was principal speaker at the meeting presided over by Oakland stake MIA superintendent Tom Ferguson.

Oakland Council Scout Executive Walt Coffin offered the help of the council and the district commissioners in stimulating and extending the Boy Scout and Explorer programs.

Demonstrating how easily an Explorer program can be initiated, Mr. Kirkham led the group in completing apprentice requirements. The vocational exploration program for young men 15-17, he said, gives the young men a chance to develop their program along the lines of a service club.

Concerning leadership, Brother Kirkham stressed the importance of: selection, training, keeping on the job, assisting and congratulating and called for "spiritualizing the program." During his visits in this area, he also introduced a new song, "Evening Devotion," arranged by his father ,Oscar A. Kirkham.

✣ The Chief Administrative Officer of the City and County of San Francisco is in charge of the principal service departments.

Church News

(Continued from page 1)

January 1 in the Navajo-Zuni mission is the latest report by Elder Spencer W. Kimball after he had visited 10 tribes and held 18 meetings. One hundred fifty Indians attended the first Piute-Navajo LDS conference ever held. It convened at Blanding, San Juan county, Utah.

● Fourteen huge farm tractors owned by 14 LDS farm members of St. Joseph stake, Arizona, recently turned over 40 acres on their 60-acre stake farm in one day. The entire farm is planted to cotton for 1948, and will likely produce two bales per acre at a value of about $175 per bale.

● Towering 80 feet into the air when completed, the big four-bin grain elevator which will hold 25,000 bushels, had its beginning in cement pouring recently at its location at Murray, Utah.

● More than 500 rolls of microfilms have been received by the Salt Lake City Genealogical society from Maryland; another 500 rolls from Virginia and over 950 from Connecticut. Daily they pour into the archives. During last month 2,017 persons used the Genealogical library for research, using 11,820 books. This nearly doubled the number for the same month last year.

● "The long-awaited and much needed general hymn book of the Church should be available in large numbers by mid-summer. It really is four books in one, containing sections for: congregation singing; for choir use; for women's voices; and for mens' voices. Two other song books are being prepared, one for the Primary and Junior Sunday school and one of recreational singing for MIA, etc.

● At the end of April the Church had 4232 missionaries in 42 missions located on five continents and the islands of the Pacific. Half are in U. S. missions, although Great Britain has the largest number at present, 216, and west Germany the smallest number, just two. There are 70 missionaries in Australia, 896 in Europe, 360 on the Islands, 2608 in North America, 76 in South Africa and 222 in South America, making the total given above, 4232.

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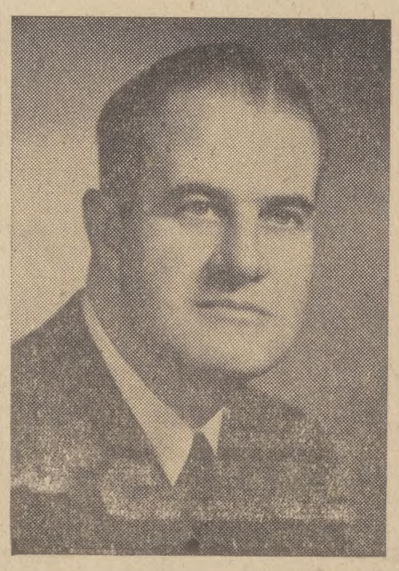
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Maxwell Pk. Ward

We are very proud of Joyce Briscoe who became a Golden Gleaner during the past month. This is a very high honor, and one which few girls attain. Joyce is one of the six Golden Gleaners in Oakland stake and we feel doubly proud that four of these girls are members of Maxwell Park ward.

Coming Events: Saturday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., our ward outing. Bring the family and the family dinner. Entertainment and bonfire furnished. Eat at 6:30. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family there. Place—Arroyo Viejo park, 7921 Olive street.

June 29, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. the Junior Girls are sponsoring a basket lunch party. Each lady is to bring a basket lunch and be prepared to share it with a friends, old or new.

Fern and Bill Everett are the proud parents of a tiny baby daughter born May 27. We are looking forward to making her acquaintance and welcome her into Maxwell Park ward.

Our stake missionaries have been holding some very fine cottage meetings each Monday evening. We wish to commend the fine brethren and sisters who are devoting their time to such good work. Brother James A. Mower, who is the adult Aaronic priesthood chairman, and Brother William Matheson are working in cooperation with the missionaries in this fine endeavor.

Bishop Stewart, his two counselors and several other ward members planted our garden at the stake farm May 27. They put in 247 tomato plants, pole beans and have corn and squash ready to plant. This garden is to help meet our quota of food for the welfare project, and any time you have a free evening we would appreciate your help at the farm. Our ward welfare director is Grant Hawkins, KE 3-3864. Many hands make light work, so let's all work together. Time passes rapidly and with it the opportunity to use it.

—Marjorie Hawkins.

Oakland Stake Calendar For June

June11—Stake Muic Festival, Oakland Ward.

June 11—Stake social.

June 22—Stake meeting for 1948-49 calendar preparations.

June 25—Stake dance; dance festival preparations.

June 26, 27—Oakland stake conference at Oakland ward.

July 9—Oakland stake social.

Third Saturday of each month: Stake seventies meeting at Dimond ward.

Fourth Sunday of each month, 2:30 p.m.: Stake and ward priesthood leadership meetings, Dimond ward.

Other May events which will be reported in the next Messenger were: May 1, Stake Beehive swarm day; two May 4th events, Stake MIA elections and entertainment, and junior girls and mothers' entertainment; May 5th, Gleaner girl elections and entertainment.

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A letter came from former Pittsburg bishop, and now Berkeley stake high counselor, James H. Kirby. and from where, do you think? You will be surprised: from The Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

The story behind the letter is that Bro. Kirby, while in Pittsburg, is employed by the huge steel mill. This company has selected Elder Kirby to attend training classes in the great Birmingham steel center, learning new processes in tin plate manufacture.

And by the way, this is the same steel company that owns the Geneva, Utah, steel plant; and that plant will be furnishing the iron to make the steel to make the tin plate to make the tin cans for welfare canning—and a lot of other uses, of course.

There is another project that Elder Kirby is busy on in Birmingham. Guess what? Here is his word: "I am also extremely busy here in a small branch of the Church trying to strengthen the people, and also help six missionaries who are laboring here." No one knowing this former Bishop will be surprised at that.

His letter also contains a third item of interest. And it, too, is about his missionary activities—some he carried on among the Germans interned at the Pittsburg camp during the war. They were war prisoners from Germany. He and others with him converted and baptized several fine Germans. Now he has this to report:

"In 1946 in Pittsburg we baptized a German prisoner of war named Theodore Pauls. Theodore went to England where he contacted a fellow German POW, named Wilhelm Bartholomaus,

"I wrote several letters to Wiland interested him in the Gospel. helm, and sent what German literature I could get. Then I got Elder Ralph Jacks, who had been our LDS group leader in Pittsburg and who has been on a mission in England for 18 months. Elder Jacks wrote to a DP in the area of Wilhelm, and the DP made the contact. Wilhelm applied for baptism, and is now a member. Now Wilhelm is preachinging the Gospel to the English family he is living with, and has them well on the way to conversion."

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DIMOND WARD BISHOPRIC

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selor to Dimond's bishops Lund and Lauper. He is a chemist at Shell Development Co., being U. C. trained in that field; has three children; and belongs to the Shell Development Research Club and the American Chemical Society.

Wendell T. Jackson is Ogden born, came to California in 1935, filled Swiss-Austrian Mission until the war sent all elders from Europe when he came to the Central States Mission until 1940.

Elder Jackson, a chemistry graduate of U. C., is employed by Curtis and Tomkins in San Francisco, as an analytical chemist. He married Margie Seager of Ogden in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1947; has served twice as Dimond's ward clerk, and also as Superintendent of the ward Sunday School.

Herbert A. Weiland is San Francisco born where he lived until the great earthquake and fire in 1906. He is one of the rare LDS in these parts who is also a member of the Native Sons Lodge, and is the only member of the bishopric who is a convert to the Church. Having met Rose Groberg and her family in 1918 he attended LDS services with her first in old Porter Hall, Oakland, and married her after the first World War, and eleven years later joined the Church. He has served the ward as clerk, and as member and scretary of the Mormon Male Chorus.

Phyl N. Hilton is Idaho born, and a graduate of Oakland high school, and the U. C. in Electrical Engineering (1944). Was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy's Civil Engineering Corps in 1945, marrying Evelyn Heater of Claremont the same year. Served for a year in the Philippines, and is now employed as Assistant Engineer at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. He is the daddy to two children, and has served as Dimond's clerk for some time with Bishop Lauper.

Frank Eggertsen is Provo born, and came to California in 1943. A graduate of the U. of U., with high honors in 1934, he later won a fellowship to the University of Minnesota, (three years), and a scholarship there also where he took his Ph. D. in chemistry with high honors. He has served the Sunday Schools and the YMMIA; belongs to Sigma Xi; is married to Beth Krueger, and has two children. He is employed at the Shell Development Co., as research chemist.

Vallejo Ward News

It must be interesting for old members of Vallejo ward to reminesce upon the days when Vallejo was only a branch of the California mission. That was in 1929 when Newell Standley and Harvey Nielsen were in the presidency with Walter Hill acting as Sunday school superintendent.

Almeda Nielsen served as Relief Society president with Sarah Standley as counselor. Newell Standley later became branch president with Bro. Neilsen as counselor. Then in 1933 Myron Tedford was sustained as branch president with Alvin Cheshire as a counselor.

In 1937 with approximately 280 members, Vallejo became a ward with Alvin Cheshire as the first bishop. All this time the saints had experienced some good and bad times, the fluctation in employment at the navy yard being largely responsible.

In 1940 Henry Neering became bishop with Glen Lowry as counselor. Later Edmund Taylor and his fine wife and family moved into Vallejo and became active in the work, serving as bishop's counselor until he became bishop with David Harris as one of the counselors, until Bishop Jack Johnson succeeded him.

Of course there has been a constant increase in members and in activity thru all these years, until now we see the formation of new Carquinez ward. This an indication of the enthusiasm of the people to have a "Zion" even in Vallejo.

Angelyn Brantleu and Carol Knight have been presented certificates of award as LDS Girls. Paul Williams has also received a similar Aaronic priesthood award. These awards are earned thru keeping the Word of Wisdom, paying of tithes, attending meetings regularly, and participation in the Church welfare program.

It is interesting that Bishop Johnson, who is employed at the Bank of America, served in the Norwegian mission just a few years back. Moreover, he is not the first in his family to serve as a bishop, his grandfather having been bishop in Mantua, and his father in a Brigham City ward.

The new Sunday school superintendent, Vern Newman, is to be congratulated on his fine method of conducting morning services. A real feeling of reverence pervades. Two other Sunday school men are Tom Williams and Harold Hamblin, counselors.

Local Boy Is Varsity Pitcher

George Sorenson, Berkeley warder at the "Y", made front sport page news in the Salt Lake Tribune recently, and rated a large photo showing him in action on the mound.

The occasion was the game in Salt Lake City between the University of Utah and the BYU, their second matched game. Geo. was on the mound for the BYU for the full eleven frames, we learn, from a copy of the May 11 Tribune now before us, courtesy of James Sabine. "Everyone played near-perfect ball Monday night," we read, "until the big eleventh frame—then the field lit up like a pinball machine as BYU put five men on base, brought four home and defeated the University of Utah 5-2 at Derke field.

"George Sorenson was the hero in the BYU box as he went the full route, fanned nine, gave away only six hits, walked four, and assumed responsibility for one of the two Indian runs."

We are informed that since the above report, the BYU have won the Western championship over the U. of U. and the U. A. C., and played Denver university at Provo. May 28 and 29, for the Rocky Mountain championship, George pitching the first game.

Carquinez Ward

Our summer recreational program is off to a good start with a folk dancing class every other Tuesday night, and on the alternate Tuesday, a workshop for drama and speech. These classes are being held for MIA members of both wards, Vallejo and Carquinez.

The Vallejo ward bishopric entertained the Carquinez ward bishopric at the home of Bishop and Sister Johnson. An attractive and appetizing buffet luncheon was served. Place cards appearing as a miniature book, contained special verses for each one. Places were set for Bishop and Sister Glen Lowry, Brothers and Sisters, Reed Nelson, Howard Hacking, Russell Roper, Otto Mathews, Evan Powell, Wallace Weierman and Bishop and Sister Johnson.

Sunday, May 23, an interesting and impressive Aaronic priesthood program was presented during the Sunday evening service. At this meeting an Aaronic priesthood award was presented to Dale Kershaw, and two new deacons, John and Jay Fitt, helped in the passing of the sacrament.

Carquinez ward is only the sum total of its members. With this in view the breaking of ties with members of Vallejo ward is being lightened. There is a feeling of closeness and reverence that is brought about by a vigorous renewal of cooperation among the members. Tho there are many individual regrets it is with pride that we can look back on a record that has reached a new goal in the advancement of the Lord's work. The outlook for our future is before us, and the opportunity of steady progression is ours by doing those things that will make it impossible for us to fail, and success is equivalent to doing our best.—Elda Lowry, 213 Starr avenue, Vallejo.

Two East Bay Girls Prominent At BYU

The following official news release from BYU at Provo, Utah, serves to recall the good sized California colony among the great student body at our great Church university:

Provo, Utah—Mary Ann Murdock, Napa, has been elected vice president of the senior class at Brigham Young university for the coming year.

Miss Murdock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murdock, Berkeley stake high councilor, is majoring in music at BYU. She has been a staff member of the Wye, literary magazine for two years, being publicity manager this year. She was also chairman of a "song fest" sponsored by the AWS during Girls' Day.

A graduate of Napa Union high school, she was women's athletic association president, associated women students' officer, and assistant band conductor while enrolled there.

Marrilyn Harmon, daughter of President and Mrs. W. Glenn Harmon ,was also a finalist in the recent elections, being a candidate for student body secretary. She was defeated by a one-vote margin, losing to Moana Ballif, Provo. Miss Harmon was AWS social chairman during the past year, and is majoring in English. An honor student at Berkeley high school, she participated in drama, debate, forum and worked on school publications.

Conference Schedules

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What The Book Of Mormon Really Means To Me

The quotation to follow is taken from "These Amazing Mormons," a March, 1948 book by a poet who has served also as editor of one of the world's largest publishing companies, and an author of articles in such magazines as the Saturday Evening Post, he is Joseph H. Weston. Mr. Weston spent 18 months in Utah observing, delving and writing; finally he found himself converted heart and mind and applied for baptism May 20, 1947, after completing the book about the Mormons.

He is a dynamic personality, 36 years of age, lately married to Mrs. Lou Jean Fairbanks Gerry, a Salt Lake City widow who is a descendane of pioneer families. Mr. Weston now owns a successful direct mail advertising business in Salt Lake City, besides acting as business consultant and promotion executive to other concerns. His book makes pungent reading and promises to open many eyes and to stimulate wholesome thinking in and out of the Church. He writes:

"The Book of Mormon has been a constant storm center of religious and literary turmoil since its public appearance in 1830. Many learned men have attacked it, and millions of devout men and women have supported it. As we know them today, all religions are based fundamentally upon revelation from God, or at least upon claims to revelation from God, or some other all-powerful being. Religions seem to differ in this respect only in the manner and the period of time in which their principles were made manifest to man, or perhaps are still being made available to him through his metaphysical contact with the cosmos, infinity, God, etc.

"The Mormons state flatly that the Book of Mormon was revealed by the will of God to Joseph Smith, and claim for this American prophet all the power, abilities, divine commission and duty to rebuke, organize and guide the people that also resided in such leaders as Moses, Abraham, Enoch, Isaiah, Elijah and others.

"Judging from its effect, in one manner or another, upon all who come into serious contact with it, the book undoubtedly is one of the most powerful documents ever penned. It is the cornerstone of a creed that today claims more than a million members. It was the inspiration that sent forth a gigantic migration of people to trek across a continent and establish a veritable Garden of Eden in a desert wilderness. The Mormons believe that they can produce no greater effect upon a prospective convert that can be obtained by reading the Book of Mormon. They have not underestimated its power. No person can read the Book of Mormon even most of the way through and not be profoundly affected by it.

"As to the claims of Mormons to the divine origin of The Book of Mormon, it must be said in all fairness that from the standpoint of pure rationalization, it is just as possible that this book is divinely inspired as it is for the Bible, the Koran, the Upanishads ,the works of Mary Baker Eddy, the revelations to Buddha, or the foundation work of any other religion or sect. To be effective, religion must always be a matter of personal choice, one of exploration, selection, rejection or synthesis by each human individual.

"The test of a pie is the eating of it. The test of a book is the reading of it. The test of a religion is one's personal emotional reaction to the panorma it unfolds. Too many people follow the precepts of their spiritual leaders without ever bothering to read the basic work upon which their faith is supposed to be grounded. It is impossible, in this piece of journalism, or in any other written or oral work, to adequately convey to the reader what the effect of The Book of Mormon will be upon him. There is only one answer: If the reader's interest is great enough, it is recommended that he read The Book of Mormon all the way through and reach his own decision."

Annual Berkeley Stake Banquet May 8, 1948, at the Berkeley ward recreation hall, for the boys of the Aaronic Priesthood and LDS girls. Picture, taken just before the eating commenced, shows La Roi Gardner, master of ceremonies, left of the mike and W. Glenn Harmon, right of the mike.

Over 200 youths and their leaders participated in the banquet and award night. Each ward contributed a number to the very enjoyable program. Tasty food was prepared by the leaders of the girls' program under the direction of Sister Preil Green.

The evening was climaxed with the presentation, by President Harmon of the Standard Quorum and Standard Group Awards earned in 1947.

The following groups received awards: Girls: Berkeley—12-14 age group; Claremont, 16-16 age group; E. Richmond, 12-14 and 17-20 age groups; Martinez, 12-14 and 15-16 age groups; Pittsburg, 15-16 age group; Napa, 12-14 age group.

Boys: Berkeley, Priests and Deacons; Claremont, Priests and Teachers; Martinez, Teachers and Deacons; Pittsburg, Priests and Teachers.

Richmond Ward

Bishop Wallace J. Wightman has issued the following message: "Richmond ward's objective in the stake-wide building program is to have every family represented both in the cash and the labor donations. We feel that this building program is our greatest asset at this time to weld our ward together in one united effort to build the Kingdom of God. The Lord has truly blessed all who have participated, and we hope that every member will also share in these blessings. If you have any possible spare time during the day or evenings, please call our work director, A. L. Hopkins, phone Richmond 4265."

We all have enjoyed the various ward conferences and the stake music festival during May. Because it produced the largest attendence at sacrament meeting in months, the primary was outstanding. Every child except one on the rolls was present and participated. Honor is given to President Alvera Copeland and her counselors, Lula Borkman and Delpha Kersey.

Sister Copeland was born in Midvale, Utah and has been a member of the Richmond group for the past seven years, working in the Primary all this time, the last two years being our president. Several non-Mormon children and their parents, as well as the Church membership, are grateful for her unselfish services and those of her staff.

Barbara Kersey and Nadine Hopkins will graduate from Primary this summer; they received awards at the stake award program May 29.

Congratulations to Barbara Passey, our new stake Gleaner Girls' secretary. A hard and faithful worker, she will reflect credit on the Gleaners.

Alvin Harris has received an individual award for his fine work in the priests' quorum.

Turn we now to some ailing Saints to whom we send good wishes. Fred Anderson, former bishop of Martinez, leader in stake high priest work, and ward instructor in adult Aaronic priesthood activities, has been seriously ill, but is now recovering. Russell Johnson, our faithful assistant ward clerk, has been ill in the Veterans' hospital in Oakland for weeks. Elden Harmon is a patient at Weimar, California. Annie Thomas and Addie Stoddard are with us again after their late illnesses.

SWAP SHOP

Without one cent of cost to you, and solely as a welfare service to our readers, The Messenger continues the "Swap Shop" column. You don't have to give your name to anyone; but just the telephone or address. Remember the deadline for this column is the 27th of each month; send matter anytime before that date line, the earlier the better.

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Music Festival Delightfully Done

With every choir seat and the stand alive with varied colors of dresses and flowers and the happy countenances of over fifty ladies, the Music Festival presented by the combined Singing Mothers groups of Berkeley stake on Friday evening, May 21, under the auspices of the Relief Society stake board, was acclaimed "wonderful," "lovely," by all who were fortunate enough to attend.

Sister Almeda Neilson, music director for the board, was highly commended for the fine work she did in arranging the unusual program, calling all the choruses together ,and directing the mass singing. Besides the combined choral numbers, there were delightful numbers sung by individual choruses from Vallejo, Richmond, Berkeley and Pittsburg.

Special and charming features were: Violin solos by Richard Mower, accompanied by Helen Clovis; piano and organ duet by Grace Boyack and Ardell Kay; and a reading by Fern McCoard. The combined choral numbers were accompanied by Grace Boyack at the organ and Helen Clovis at the piano.

Calling All Primary Children

Summer time is here and vacations are calling to one and all. Happy days of sunshine, fun and travel are in store; yes, dancing, singing, stories and art objects of far-off lands whether you leave your city limits or not.

When you attend your summer Primary classes in your own wards, your teachers will be prepared to take you with song, dance, story and handcraft to the lands of Scandinavia, to the Isles of the Pacific, and to the Indian reservations. And when summer is o'er there'll be a grand big festival for everyone, including friends and families, to display what you've learned in your "travels."

Won't we all have fun? Of course, many of you will be taking short jaunts to see grandma and grandpa, or cousins, or some one dear, but before you go away and after you return, do come and join us at Primary to complete a happy summer. See you all there!

Questions—Answers, From "The Church News"

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In the new feature of the enlarged Church News "I WANT TO KNOW," appears a column of most interesting and valuable questions and answers. We select a few small-space ones and hope you will see fit to order the paper and read all of them.

Q. May a person with the blood of Cain in his veins receive a patriarchal blessing? A. Any person who is a faithful LDS has the right to receive a patriarchal blessing, regardless of nationality or race.

Q. Has the name of Jared been revealed? A. Yes, the Prophet Joseph Smith said it was made known to him as Mahonri Moriancumer.

Q. Will we arise in the resurrection with the identical bodies which we lay down? A. (D. & C. 88: 27-28) "They shall receive the same body which was a natural body; even you shall receive your bodies." The elements that are assigned to our bodies are indestructible and never will become the integral parts of any other body.

Q. Will the city of the new Jerusalem be built before or after the second coming of Christ? A. The city will be built before the coming of the Lord. (D. & C. 45: 64 to 75 and 84:4 and 5.)

Q. What is the difference between excommunication and being disfellowshipped? A. If a person is excommunicated, he loses his membership in the Church. When disfellowshipped, he retains his membership but is not permitted to officiate in any of the ordinances of the Church.

Welfare Farm Reports Progress

More than 2,000 volunteered man hours have been expended on our Oakland stake welfare farm, and in reconditioning of the farm house according to a report today by Oakland stake president, Eugene Hilton.

Beets have been thinned and are doing well. Prospects are fair for a good crop of beets. Work has been completed on the front apartment of the farm house; the well has been driven and workers are in the process of testing the well.

Hoeing weeds from the beets was finished by Memorial day by assigning each ward an acreage allotment to hoe.

Beans are coming along and some of the tomatoes have been planted, added President Hilton.

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Presenting a seven-divisioned script, "The Voice of the Doctrine & Covenants," written for the occasion by Ruth Savage Hilton, with seven script readers and introduced and followed by selected and artistically rendered musical numbers, the Relief Societies of Claremont, Walnut Creek and Berkeley wards celebrated the completion of an impressive year of study of the modern sacred volume.

This unique and delightful affair was held at the lovely and hospitable upper Happy Valley home of Irene Ranker, and fittingly showed the joyous appreciation of the inspiration and lovliness of this book of revelations, and its literary place among sacred writings.

By way of introduction to the theme a piano arrangement of the great hymns of the restoration was played by Helen Clovis; Dorothy Stone commented briefly on the Doctrine & Covenants as sacred literature, and a double quartette from Berkeley ward sang: "Eye Hath Not Seen, Ear Hath Not Heard."

Then followed the seven sections of the presentation:

1. "The First Vision," reader: Edna Brinton; II. "The Voice of the Doctrine & Covenants," reader: Annette Wood; III. "The Preface to the Doctrine and Covenants," reader: Eva Harker. IV. "The Epistles and Letters of the Doctrine and Covenants," reader: Emma Taylor; V. "The Visions of the Doctrine & Covenants," reader: Mirian Ellsworth; VI. "The Drama of the Doctrine & Covenants," reader: Fern McCord; VII. "Apocalyptic or Prophecy of the Doctrine & Covenants,"reader: Ida Holmes.

Concluding the day's feast of spoken word and music, the Singing Mothers of the three wards rendered the anthem, "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy." Vera Meredith gave two vocal solos, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," and "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," and Louise Knight, stake president, presented all three wards with achievement certificates for having completed their assessment for the Relief Society building to be erected in Salt Lake City.

Elmhurst Ward

—"Delightful" and "well enacted" are words that describe the play, "Ever Since Eve," presented by the MIA before a large crowd May 14. Included in the cast were: Charm Vause, Barbara Elmer, Rae Ellen Reynolds, Dorathy Jacobs, Thelma Bishop, Gary Squires, Teddy Jacobsen, Dan Gashler, Al Richards, John Nelsen, Sr., and John Nelsen, Sr., Lester Anderson and Darrell Jensen.

One hundred fifty people were seated at dinner for the most outstanding "Spingro" dinner, dance and floorshow.

The different groups in MIA are planning some great events for the summer. Listen for announcements. Nellie Anderson is our new president, with Janith Evans as activity counselor. Sylvia Baldwin is now in charge of research for the geneological committee.

Another proud moment for Elmhurst ward—we are to have Gerald Smith represent the ward in the mission field in Uruguay, South America. He will be honored at a farewell on June 18.

A fine book review by Helen Ream featured the closing social of the Relief Society.

Coming events for Scout troup 44: June 5 and 6. camporee at Arrojo de Veijo park, with all the east district troups; Bishop Jackson will conduct church services at the park Sunday, June 6. June 9 hurst ward and awards will be granted the court of honor will be held at Elmprior to summer camp activites.

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1. Many people feel that they have legitimate reasons for not heeding the Church's advice to lay away a year's supply of food and clothing. Some families expect to move in the near future, or they live in temporary housing without room for storage. Single persons living away from their families would generally be unable to store food. If a portion of the stake storehouse were set aside as a food bank or depository, members unable to store otherwise could buy shares. Some way might be arranged for persons moving to transfer their certificates from one stake to another.

2. A contribution of one church book from each family's library would produce a sizeable ward lending library. Ward teachers could leave a book during one visit and exchange another one for it on the next visit, thus enabling many with limited means to broaden their acquaintance with the wealth of church literature available.

3. Wards should hold lending libraries open each Sunday to lend to members church books for a week. This would help members decide what books to select for their own libraries.——Isaac B. Ball, Berkeley ward.

4. Much time now taken in church meetings for announcements could be saved if they, together with the program of services, were passed out in mimeographed form—Amy Call, Berkeley ward.

5. All church basketball players should be pro ided with athletic insurance as a financial protection in case of injury. One team member has been out of work two months as a result of seemingly minor basketball injuries, and it may be another month before he will be able to return to work.—Newell Call, Berkeley ward.

6. It would stimulate interest in sacrament meeting attendance if there were more guest sepakers from other wards.—Phil Lewis, East Richmond ward.

7. A novel way to conduct a sacrament meeting occasionally would be to have six to eight short talks, each limited to from three to five minutes. At a quarterly conference in Granite stake, each bishop in stake was called upon to make an impromptu talk at one session, limited to five minutes, and it was one of the most successful meetings ever held.—Isaac B. Ball, Berkeley ward.

Oakland MIA News

✣ Pearl Hatfield was sustained at the Oakland stake leadership meeting in April to serve as manual counselor for the YMMIA.

✣ Plans are being worked out for a fall Fathers' and Sons' outing. Tentatively being considered is a camping spot out near Big Basin, and the date, a Saturday in August.

✣ A four-stake meet for Explorers and Senior Scouts is in the discussion stage for this area, probably the third Saturday in June.

✣ Twenty graduating Guardian Beehive girls received Honor Bee awards at the annual Oakland stake swarm night May 1.

✣ Junior girls, their mothers, and Junior girl leaders throughout Oakland stake enjoyed a "Personality and Charm" talk by Virginia Butler, director of the Charm school of Berkeley, at their reception May 4. Necessity for spiritual values was stressed by Mavis Humphreys in an introductory discussion.

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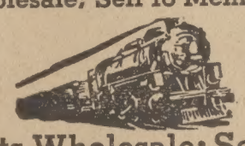
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Gleaner - M Men Elections Held

After watching a series of clever campaign speeches and skits, Oakland stake Gleaners nemed named Vivian Williams to serve as president for the new MIA year at their annual election banquet May 19 in the Elmhurst ward chapel. Other new officers are: Gaylene Clayson, vice president; Verla Smith, secretary-treasurer; Ruth Wilson, historian; Evelyn Remmele and Gloria Jackson, publicity managers and Bobby Sorenson, activities counselor.

Decoration at the tables were typical of the countries of the world; girls at each table came dressed representative of that country and were Alameda and Elmhurst Beehive girls.

Pearl Hatfield and Bobbie Sorenson were the dinner speakers.

Stake Golden Gleaners, honored at the meeting, were: Gwendolyn Muir (now on a mission), Fern Everett, Ruth Thomas and Maurine McKinley.

Ross Wilson was elected president of the Oakland stake M. Men at their annual election May 4 in the Dimond ward chapel. Elected to serve with him were: Brother Stockton, vice president; Ira (Bud) Call, secretary; Kenneth Moses, athletic director and Bill Rice, publicity director.

Institute News

By NEIL CHRISTENSEN

Miss Jeannine Coombs was chosen our very first "Sweetheart of Lamba Delta Sigma" at our Lamba Delta sweetheart ball. Margaret Hales and Maxine Manning were the two other beautiful girls who were voted top-honor sweethearts by the men's chapter at the Oakland recreation hall on May 21.

The presidency of Alpha chapter presented the girls with bouquets and kisses on behalf of the group and everyone joined in singing the Lamba Delta Sigma sweetheart song to them. Jeannine is from Fresno; Margaret from Provo and Maxine from Nevada.

Next surprise of the evening was the engagement announcement of President Lewis Skanchy to Darlene Bates of Walnut Creek. Darlyne and Lewis expect to marry this summer and Lewis will finish his last year of engineering at the university. His home is Logan. Maybe there is no connection, but this engagement makes the fourth of our presidents who has done so while in the presidency this last year.

Our new officers are: Alpha (men's) chapter: president, Marlton Simons; vice-president, Paul Terry; secretary, Jasper Hogeweide; treasurer, Dick Caltron.

Omega (women's) chapter: president, Joan Hickman; vice-president, Gwen Sparks; secretary, Maxine Manning; treasurer, Jackie Grant. Nu(married) chapter: president, John Baker.

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Berk. Stake's First Father-Son Outing

The first annual Berkeley stake fathers' and sons' outing was held at Tilden park, Saturday afternoon and evening from 3 to 8:30 o'clock on June 5. All male members of the stake were cordially invited to join in the afternoon of sports and fellowship, including these intriguing events.

Athletic games, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis, football.

Special races and contests and relays.

Tug-o-war and picnic lunch.

Campfire program: Singing, skits, stunts and individual numbers. Each ward was represented on the program.

SERVICEMEN'S HOME SOLD

Altho the sale of the Servicemen's home on Alice street has been noised around some months or more, still that sale did not materialize as expected. However, at this time it can be said that a sale has been consumated thru the real estate office of Vinal Mauss, the final papers being exchanged May 30, 1948, and payments made.

Liahona Club

The Liahona club held their monthly dinner meeting at the usual place, the Coit hotel on Harrison street, Oakland, May 23.

The occasion was of the happiest sessions due to the presence of the wives of the members as special guests of the evening. Fun and jollity marked the period given to luncheon and introductions.

Former Mayor Gaines of Berkeley, who has been engaged for years in Pacific area Red Cross work, was the speaker of the evening.

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Wayne F. McIntire

Bishop Wayne F. McIntire of Martinez is the oldest of a family of three boys born to B. F. and Effie Cottam McIntire. He grew up in Price, Carbon county, Utah, and in 1931 his call came to fill a mission to Germany and Switzerland.

Upon returning home from these foreign lands, studies that he had left at Brigham Young

university in Provo, Utah, were resumed. He proudly declares that he got both an education and a wife at the Church university and because of this, he strongly recommends BYU to all young people.

Bishop McIntire married Edith Marsh, the daughter of Joseph F. and May Hackett Marsh of Alpine, Utah. They have two daughters, Margaret Ann, 3½ years, and Kathryn, 3 months, but had the sad experience of losing their first child when he was one year old.

Bishop McIntire holds three college degrees; has been awarded scholarships from three different universities, the Brigham Young university, University of Wisconsin and the University of California; and he is currently listed in **Who's Who in American Education.** Last spring he received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of California, majoring in the field of education and psychology.

He has served as school teacher, junior high school principal, and as a college teacher. At present he is the director of secondary education for Contra Costa county. He has had flattering offers elsewhere, but wishes to develop the possibilities of being the first director in the secondary education field in the great county of Contra Costa, in this growing San Francisco bay area.

For the summer of 1948 he has been asked to direct a summer school session for the San Francisco State college. This is an unusual honor for one so recently receiving his doctor's degree.

Bishop McIntire enjoys his educational work, but spends nearly as much time in Church work as he does at his professional calling. This indicates the place and the importance of the Church in his life.

World Famous Scientist Accepts The Gospel

Recently the Oakland Tribune book review section carried the following notation:

"Strange Prehistoric Animals by A. Hyatt Verrill; L. C. Page & Co., Boston; $3.75. Fascinating lore from the fossil Pteranodon to the Loch Ness monster, with excursions among werewolfs and grifons."

Few indeed, among the readers of this notice, would have any reason to know that this great author of more than 20 science books of the first water has recently accepted the Gospel and been baptised in Florida where he lives and writes.

Perhaps the first facts that interested Doctor Verrill in the great latter day dispensation was the findings that he unearthed in Central America while on archeological excursions in that land, namely iron preserved in a bed of charcoal and buried with the relics of the ancient civilizations.

This first substantiation of the words of the Book of Mormon that those peoples had iron implements was in direct contradiction to the claim of other archeologists who had not hesitated to point with ridicule to the words in that sacred volume.

Investigation won admiration, then conviction and finally glad acceptance of the full revealed truth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Truth leads to greater truth where the mind is open and the heart attuned to truth.

Willard B. Knowles

A sound mind in a sound body is the formula for a great life, especially if with that combination goes also the right spirit. This describes in general terms the former bishop of Martinez, and the present principal of the high school in that fine community, Martinez, the county seat of Contra Costa.

Born of good LDS stock in the

temple city of Logan, he later founded his own home upon the rock of a temple marriage in the temple at Salt Lake City. Elsie Rawlings has thus become the mother of his three children, Kay, a student at UCLA., Joane, an honor student at the high school over which her father presides, and Judith, in the sixth grade.

Gifted with athletic prowess from his youth, Willard B. Knowles naturally majored in athletics while a student at the Utah State college at Logan, and then found positions as athletic coach at the two high schools in which he has taught since his graduation in 1924, one of those high schools being Logan, and the other Alhambra Union at Martinez.

After serving the latter school for eight years as leader in physical education, the call came to him to lead the school as principal, which he has done consecutively with the exception of two war years spent as communication laison officer on the staff of the Commander Seventh Fleet in the Southwest Pacific, and later as officer in charge of naval communications, Melbourne, Australia, and still later in the Twelfth Naval district in charge of education training for the communication office.

Elder Knowles holds credits toward the doctor's degree at UC., and has served as president of the county athletic league, president region three California Administrative association, and the county Education association. In a civic way he has been president of Martinez Rotary, and a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Activities in the Church have included Scout leader, Sunday school teacher and superintendent, bishop's counselor and bishop of Martinez.

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Palestine War

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fa five days, as there was absolutely no land transportation out of the city. (It may be explained that he had planned to take a train from Haifa, Palestine, northward to Beirut in Lebanon, a distance of about 100 miles, to mission headquarters). We had no way to send a letter or telegram, and our only means of escape from the city was the way we had entered, by sea. All communication was cut off, and the Arabs were surrounding the place.

"We finally caught a small Greek ship, the "Teti" out and made our way to Beirut. Upon our arrival in Beirut we learned that heavy fighting had once more broken out in Haifa, and throughout all Palestine. This happened about nine or ten hours after we had left the harbor. We all felt that it was through the providence of the Lord that we made our way out of there without mishap, that the fighting should stop within such a short time of our arrival in Haifa, and then commence again just as we left.

The First Presidency felt concerned about our welfare, as they wrote to President Piranian and asked that he should go to meet us if possible. He tried to do so, but due to the conditions prevailing was unable even to charter a small motor launch to go in."

Elder McFarlane's comment upon their food must come from the heart indeed of that husky 21-year-old man. He says, "The food we get is good, altho is consists completely of bread and vegetables. No meat at all, and no fresh milk.

"We have been drinking canned milk mixed half and half with water, and altho it tasted very bad at first, we are getting used to it. Bananas and oranges are very plentiful and inexpensive, but food as a whole costs just about double what it costs in the States. I mean specifically, butter, eggs, cheese, and any canned goods. A cake costs about ten American dollars; the bread we get is very dark and contains a certain amount of sand always."

And yet, despite these difficulties and some dangers, what does this typical LDS elder say about it all? Here are his words: "I am finding this mission to be a wonderful experience already, and am thankful for the opportunity. It is a faith-promoting experience, and I hope that I will be able to bring the Gospel to a great many of these people in this land." He closes with an account of their being arrested upon the sea shore, having been taken for Jewish spies, but being released within an hour.

Conference Schedules

August 21-22: Gridley Stake.
August 28-29: Berkeley Stake.

✣ The basking shark grows to a length of 45 feet and a weight of four tons.

✣ Total cash farm income from poultry production in California in 1946 was $143,397,000.

✣ The establishment of boundaries between the States is recognized as part of the legitimate work of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

More Employment

were mentioned at the meeting by Elder Davis who, by the way, comes to his assignment on the General Welfare committee from a fine business of his own and from former placement services with large industries. He is a man of wide experience and appropriate personality for the great responsibility assigned him in this inspired phase of the generally inspired welfare work of the Church. At the meeting the consensus of opinion seemed to be that of appreciation for the large vistas of opportunities for blessing one another thru this added development of mutual employmen betterment work.

It is well to get this larger view of the Church placement work before buckling down to the many ways and means for doing it lest one become confused and fail to see the wood for the trees. But don't be misled by the purposefully over simplification of the work, for there are details aplenty. For instance, forms to collect so that the members of each quorum may become aware of the skills represented therein so that these skills may be in the general consciousness as the work progresses for their better utilization. Then the assembling of the data on the resources of the community in its demand for the skills represented. And plans for strengthening the employer-employee ties even in times of full employment, this thru a "thank you" employer program, playing up the strength of the worker to his employer. Meetings must be set aside for discussion by the groups of all these data and problems, and plans for making known these counseling services

Included in this whole plan is the offering of facilities for counseling one with another in the improvement of business practice, new businesses or new employment fields opening up in the area.

A fine chart was placed in the hands of each one at the meeting to show the occupational resources and how the quorums and ward and stake placement counselors fit into the program. Six squares at the top of the chart showed six sources of occupational information available to each priesthood and Relief Society organization.

Enough has been said, however; details will come out to each one as the plan is further developed. Altho time must be allowed for the plan to get under way, yet no one must be allowed to forget, in the meantime, that the plan is now available to each quorum and Relief Society.

Let's go to, now, and work the plan with all zeal and enthusiasm.

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